

BIG RAILROAD CLUB.

Aim Is to Further Legislation For Benefit of Workmen.

WILL PARTICIPATE IN POLITICS

Movement Inaugurated at Cleveland, O., to Organize 1,500,000 Railway Employees of the United States—Consent of Road Chiefs Given.

A country wide movement to organize the 1,500,000 railroad employees of the United States into political clubs was recently inaugurated at Cleveland, O. Although the plans for extension are still in a preliminary stage, it is said that some of the leading railroad companies are behind the movement.

According to the originators of the plan, organizations will be formed in every important railway center in the United States for the purpose of electing men to the various state legislatures and to congress who will further legislation looking to the betterment of the railroad men and work to repeal any that is adverse to their interest.

The movement is said to be entirely distinct from connection with the present railway brotherhoods, whose purpose is to look after the relations of the employees to their employers or the American Railroad Employees and Investors' association, with headquarters in Chicago. The organization undoubtedly will try to exert some influence in politics, and it is intended to foster co-operation between the railroads and their men.

Many Pledge Their Support.

Cuyahoga county, O., was selected as the place to launch the movement. Seymour Davis, a conductor on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railway, is one of the prime movers of the project, and he is being seconded by Arthur P. Grills, assistant station master at the Cleveland Union depot. Already more than 5,000 of the railroad men who live within the Cuyahoga county limits have pledged their support to the movement. Within a few days a meeting of these men will be called, the entire plans of the organization will be laid before them, and the Cuyahoga County Railroad Men's Political club will be formally organized and incorporated.

The approval and co-operation of the officials of the railroads having important offices in Cleveland have already been obtained by the men who are leaders in the movement, and it is declared that their active support has been promised.

Purpose of the Club.

The purpose of the club is set forth in the papers which those in the project are asked to sign, as follows:

We, the undersigned, railroad men, residents of Cuyahoga county, O., hereby propose the organization of the Cuyahoga Railroad Men's Political club and agree to become active members of such association, the purpose of which shall be to secure united action on our part in the nomination of fair and impartial men to executive and legislative offices, to urge the enactment of all measures of benefit to our common employment and to work for the defeat or the repeal of all legislation hostile thereto.

The objects which it is intended to attain by the promotion of the organization are still further explained in a statement issued by Arthur P. Grills, who has long been active in Cleveland city politics, in which he says:

"This movement is really a movement of the common people, the working people, to elect men who will represent the interests of the working classes in either their state legislatures or in congress, men who will have the backbone to resist the moneyed class in loading us down with taxes and the like.

"The railroad men are workingmen, men of the common people. Living is becoming more costly for them every day, and so we thought it was time for something to be done to elect men to office who would not forget they owed their election to the working people the minute they entered the legislature and today to the trusts. The eagerness with which the 5,000 signers to the pledges have put their names down seems to show that this organization will fill a long felt want.

To Go All Over Nation.

"As soon as this club is formally launched in Cuyahoga county, which will be within a few days, we shall start similar clubs throughout the country. There are so many thousands of railroaders in the United States that the organization of the railroad men's political clubs is bound to have a great deal of influence in elections, and we mean to make this influence felt, to use it in the best interests of the common people. When we have our national organization complete we shall be able to put honest, efficient men into office.

"We obtained the consent and approval of the railroad officials, of course, before going after pledges. It is our belief that our organization will be the first step in making the politicians realize that it is the common people who govern elections and that the men whom they elect owe it to them to serve their interests, not those of the very rich."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Tip For Baldheads in Fly Time.

Otis E. Gillette, an enterprising porter at the Highland Lake hotel, is baldheaded, says a Winsted (Conn.) dispatch. Flies have made his bald dome their favorite alighting place. Gillette, of Ingenious turn, has had a large spider painted on his bald crown, and now he says the flies don't bother him.

GREAT WAR GAME.

"Hostile" Army Will Invade Massachusetts—Long Battle Front.

Not since the days of the civil war has Massachusetts seen such a gathering of armed men as will participate in the war game of Aug. 14 to 21. Defending Boston and endeavoring to stem the invasion of 9,000 men of the New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and District of Columbia national guard will be the 7,000 members of the Massachusetts militia, augmented by three troops of regular cavalry from the "Fighting Tenth," the colored regiment at Fort Ethan Allen, Vt.

The maneuvers are expected to be confined to the southern counties of Bristol and Plymouth. The invaders are conceded the strategical ability to land their forces, whence they will attempt to fight their way through the state, but the defenders assembled in Boston on Aug. 14 will be notified promptly of the place or places of disembarkation and rushed to the scene. The further maneuvers are "problematical."

The dispatch of the defenders will be so arranged as to deploy the 7,000 men over a frontage of more than thirty miles. This initial line of defense will extend from Plymouth, bordering Cape Cod bay on the east, to the town of Mansfield, close to the Massachusetts-Rhode Island boundary on the west.

Major General Leonard Wood, commander in chief of the department of the east, asked by members of his staff and other experts, will act as umpire of the war game.

The march of both armies will necessarily involve damage to property. Fences will have to be torn down and gardens invaded to make way for the broad line of soldiers. Behind each of the two bodies will be a special corps of adjusters, who will determine upon the amount of damage done and compensate the affected persons for their loss. Disputed claims will be adjudicated at the conclusion of the maneuvers. A sum closely approaching \$500,000 will be required to cover the cost of the game.

About 16,000 officers and men will be engaged. Salaries alone will cost Massachusetts \$20,000 for her troops. This state will also bear the expense of transporting the defending army to and from the mustering point. This is reckoned at \$20,000, with another \$20,000 for the commissary department.

NEW DEFENSE GUN RECORD.

Fort Monroe Gunners Riddled Target With 18 Hits Out of 24 Shots.

Details of a record breaking performance with the heavy coast defense guns at Fort Monroe were recently received at the war department in Washington. Firing at a moving target more than one mile out, the five twelve-inch guns and two ten-inch cannon riddled the canvas mark, which was sixty feet long by thirty feet high and was towed at a speed of approximately seven miles an hour.

They fired twenty-four projectiles in less than two and one-half minutes, and eighteen of them found their mark. The others fell so close to the moving target that it was concealed by the spray flung over it. Since a battleship averages close to 500 feet in length, it is regarded as probable that had the gunners been firing at such a mark with the accuracy used in bombarding the smaller canvas target every shot would have gone true, and no warship could have withstood such a fire.

The record is better than that made by the four gun batteries at Fort Arthur during the Russo-Japanese war. The Fort Arthur performance stood as the most efficient handling of coast defense from guns under actual war conditions. The test at Fort Monroe was under conditions as closely resembling war as they could be made.

YACHTSMEN'S BALLOON HUNT

Novel Sport That Calls For Use of Both Land and Water Craft.

Even yachtsmen are feeling the influence of the successes being made by the "dauntless sailors of the air," and so, being unable to imitate them, the members of the Colonial Yacht club in New York decided the other night that they would do the next best thing. They plan a game of fox and hounds to take place early in September, their yachts to be the hounds and Leo Stevens, in his big balloon, to be as foxy as the currents will permit.

The balloon will be chased o'er hill and dale, up stream or down, to the sound or ocean deep, by the jealous yachtsmen, and the one that first reaches the prey will receive a trophy. The start will be made, it was said, from One Hundred and Fortieth street and the Hudson river, New York.

If the balloon piloted by Mr. Stevens takes to the woods the pursuing sailors will leave behind their water craft and jump into automobiles or trains or farm wagons, whichever may prove most convenient at the time, and, always keeping the balloon and the trophy in mind, will not stop for rocky roads or accidents. If, however, the balloon takes to the water the yachting Hawkshaws will feel more at home, they say, and think they can last as long as the aeronaut.

Pigeon's Remarkable Flight.

Flying under the National Pigeon Fanciers' association rules, Silver Bill, a homing pigeon owned by William F. McGonogal of East Liverpool, O., arrived at that city a few nights ago from Denver, where nine days and nine hours earlier the bird was liberated for its fourteen hundred mile air line journey. The bird covered the distance last year in thirteen days, but at that time did not fly under National association rules.

SCHOOL OF HEALTH.

Chicago Institution to Save Young Victims of Tuberculosis.

LIKE A TINY CITY OF TENTS.

Fully Equipped For Fight on White Plague—Children Will Be Taught How to Battle With the Disease, Play and Rest.

The first school for tubercular children maintained by a board of education in the United States was opened a few days ago on the grounds of the Harvard school, at Seventy-fifth street and Vincennes avenue, in Chicago. It is a miniature tented city, fully equipped for a fight on the plague, and includes food, teaching, medical services and street car transportation. Thirty alert, enthusiastic, but talented children appeared for roll call. The novelty of the experiment proved attractive to the little ones.

"While each child selected for the new school is in some degree infected with tuberculosis," said Dr. S. A. Gardner, "the disease has not progressed in any of them far enough to give the infection to others. There has been some criticism on our selection of the Harvard school yard for our school. There will be no danger to any of the children of the Harvard school. Take any school in the city and there is not a room in which there is not one or more infected children.

Nothing Thought of It. "The others are compelled to sit in the same room with the ailing child, yet nothing is thought of it. This plan is a great forward step in the cure and combat of the disease. A careful record of each child will be kept, and these records will be examined by a medical expert at least once a week. The records will show the condition of the heart, lungs, color, eyes, teeth, temperature and also the general physical condition.

"One of the nurses of the Chicago Tuberculosis institute will be in attendance part of each day and see that the physician's instructions are carried out. She will also visit the home of each child and see that the good work of the day is not offset by neglect at night. She will instruct the parents in the care of the child and try to get their co-operation in the work of the school. The last incident of the school day will be a shower bath for each pupil. This will come after supper in the mess tent, and then the children will be placed on cars and sent home."

This is the daily routine at the school:

MORNING.
8:20—Arrive at school.
8:30—Breakfast.
9:20—Wash teeth.
9:45—Dishwashing.
10:15—Play.
10:30—Gardening.
10:45—Story telling.
11:00—Light gymnastics.
11:45—Breath exercise.

AFTERNOON.
12:30—Noon meal.
1:00—Clean teeth.
1:15—Reclining chairs.
2:15—Sleep an hour.
3:15—Light gymnastics.
4:15—Recreation.
6:00—Supper.
6:30—Shower bath.
6:45—Return home.

The menu consists of cereal food with cream and sugar, soft boiled eggs and milk for breakfast; boiled rice, boiled potatoes, whole wheat bread, stewed prunes, milk and peanut candy for dinner; scrambled eggs, jam, bread and butter, graham crackers and milk for supper.

To Save One Life a Day. "We will save thirty lives in thirty days, said Superintendent W. E. Watt, who is in charge of the experiment. "We are planning for ten additional schools of this kind, and we will keep the children out here in the open until severe cold compels us to withdraw for the season.

"We will soon have all the infected children segregated and will teach them how to battle with the disease. We feel certain that almost all the cases can be cured. Of course this condition cannot be brought about at once. This season we hope to strengthen the children, harden them and increase their power of resistance. Early in the spring they will return to tent life again, and the work will continue."

The children adapted themselves quickly to the routine of camp. The little girls took up the work of washing dishes and scrubbing kitchen utensils in a way which bespoke previous experience at home. The boys assisted the girls with the heavier work. The parents are very enthusiastic.

Sleighbells on Automobiles.

A Chicago citizen who has evidently been scared frequently by the loud "honk" of automobile horns as he scudded across the streets suggests that automobiles be made to carry sleighbells, the same as horses are required to wear in sleighing time. This, he thinks, would give continual warning to pedestrians. He adds, by way of clinching his plan and commending it to motorists, "Riding would be more enjoyable accompanied by a nice toned set of bells."

Thrift of Oklahoma Farmers.

During the hot days in Oklahoma the owners of farms with good swimming holes have been charging 10 cents admission to persons who desired to take a plunge. The farmers agreed on a proposition of this kind, and the boys and men from the surrounding towns have had difficulty in finding a swimming hole unless they paid the price of admission. "No Trespassing" signs sided the farmers in keeping swimmers off their places.

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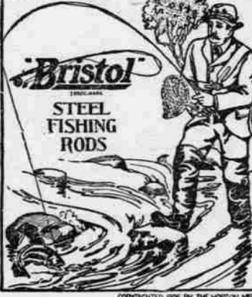
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